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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It has been alleged that the palmprint lifted from Oswald's rifle by the Dallas police is false. This allegation is supported by the statement that the FBI told the press in an off-the-record briefing session on November 23 or 24 that there was no palmprint on the rifle. Will you please notify us whether at any time the FBI told or let it be known to the press that there was no palmprint on the rifle.

Your continued cooperation with the Commission is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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